NCIMM Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting

Perspective of the Vendors

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Why Vendors Support EPASWMM & EPANET

- Creates and sustains a large family of modelers and model developers in the US and worldwide
- Ideal introduction to modeling: set a good basic level
- Leaves commercial packages to offer more to those that want it and need it
- Provide good engines that can be re-used in other packages
- Software and engines accessible to researchers to stimulate further advances – and to train knowledgeable software developers

What do Vendors want now?

- Development of the EPASWMM and EPANET packages to be kept up-to-date to continue to supply basic, essential functionality
- Development of engines to be continued so the engines stay relevant and keep the bar high in engine design (continuous improvement)
- Regular version-controlled releases that are well-managed, well-tested and well-documented
- Software and engines free, open and accessible for research, modelling and commercial use
- EPA involvement: seal-of-approval for the software and for modeling in general - this gives the feeling of confidence and helps the modelling market to thrive